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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CLOSE USG RELATIONSHIP WITH HAILE
SELASSIE'S GOVERNMENT HAS SUBJECTED US TO SEVERE CRITICISM
AND ENGENDERED WIDESPREAD SUSPICION OF OUR MOTIVES IN THE
EPMG, AGREEMENT PROPOSED REFTEL WOULD PROBABLY BE REJECTED
AND COULD SUBSEQUENTLY DAMAGE HABTE-SELASSIE'S CASE. HABTE-
SELASSIE IS AWAITING TRIAL BY COURT-MARTIAL FOR ALLEGED MIS-
APPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND EMBASSY FEELS THAT ANY
INQUIRIES BY US MIGHT BE PREJUDICIAL TO HIS CASE.
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